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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT 1796
PATENT**

Attorney Docket No. 05999.0377-00



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| For: THERMOPLASTIC MATERIAL |) | |
| COMPRISING A VULCANIZED |) | |
| RUBBER IN A SUBDIVIDED FORM |) | |

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action mailed May 21, 2009, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment section of this paper.

Attachments:

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